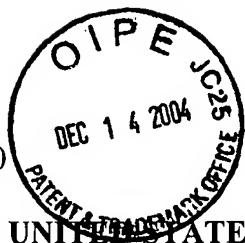


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Masahide OKAZAKI : Confirmation Number: 1699
Application No.: 10/662,526 : Group Art Unit: 2873
Filed: September 16, 2003 : Examiner: Ricky L. Mack

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT MODULE, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FIXING OPTICAL ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of November 19, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-11) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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